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Dear Bernie:	
The enclosed is pursuant to our conversation.	
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Philippines: Status of the Kidnapping of
American Missionary in Mindanao

American Protestant missionary Brian Lawrence, 30, was kidnapped on 12 July by a group of armed men from his apartment in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur Province on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao. According to the US Embassy in Manila, Philippine military reports indicate that Lawrence's abductors are members of a Moslem rebel group acting under the direction of Ismail Dimaporo, a nephew of former Lanao del Sur governor and close Marcos associate Mohamad Ali Dimaporo. Those reports suggest that the motive for the kidnapping was to protest the failure of local officials to deliver ransom money to Ismail Dimaporo for the release last month of French priest Michael de Gigord. The French priest's abduction in Marawi City and subsequent release were also allegedly directed by the two Dimaporos in order to embarrass the Aquino government and boost Mohamad Ali's political stock among Marcos loyalists. Ismail Dimaporo's group is simultaneously protesting his dismissal by the Aquino government from an administrative position at Mindanao State University. [REDACTED]

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Philippine military authorities, several church officials, and local Moslem leaders--including Mohamad Ali Dimaporo--are attempting to negotiate the release of Lawrence and of 10 Filipino Carmelite nuns who were abducted on 11 July from their convent, also in Marawi City. There are conflicting reports as to whether the two incidents are related. Most press reports suggest that Lawrence and the nuns were abducted by separate groups, are being held separately, and are the subject of separate negotiations. The Embassy has no evidence that the two kidnappings were coordinated, although some press reports have implied that a \$100,000 ransom request from the nuns' kidnappers--who have also been identified as Moslem rebels--also applies to Lawrence. The Embassy reports that Lawrence's abductors may not be a party to that demand, which the Aquino government has rejected. [REDACTED]

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Press reports quote local military officials as saying that emissaries of Mohamad Ali Dimaporo have met with Lawrence's captors, who have agreed to release him without ransom within the next two days. The Embassy has yet to confirm those reports. In the meantime, military and church officials have told both the press and the Embassy that they have been assured of the safety of both Lawrence and the nuns. [REDACTED]

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